

MINUTES

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

HON. MYRON H. THOMPSON, JUDGE AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
DATE COMMENCED OCTOBER 30, 2006 AT 10:06 A.M./P.M.  
DATE COMPLETED OCTOBER 31, 2006 AT 1:20 A.M./P.M.  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
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 v ) CR NO 2:06cr218-MHT  
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GEORGE HOEY MORRIS )

<u>PLAINTIFF(S) / GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>APPEARANCES</u>	<u>DEFENDANT(S)</u>
AUSA Susan Redmond	X X X X X	Atty J. Carlton Taylor

<u>COURT OFFICIALS PRESENT:</u>		
Daniel Korobkin, Law Clerk	Anthony Green, Courtroom Deputy	Mitchell Reisner, Court Reporter

<u>JURORS</u>	
1. <u>Ina Renee Duncan</u>	7. <u>John Franklin Snellings</u>
2. <u>Teri Li Morris</u>	8. <u>Josih Huffman</u>
3. <u>Ernie Lamar Cope</u>	9. <u>Raymond Garrett Taylor</u>
4. <u>Hugh Jennings, Jr.</u>	10. <u>Brenda F. Thompson</u>
5. <u>Mary Kay Lustig</u>	11. <u>Jermone T. Fort</u>
6. <u>Stanley Edgar Hornsby</u>	12. <u>Lloyd Merritt</u>

<u>ALTERNATES</u>	
13. <u>Margaret Brannon Roy</u>	14. <u>Kerrie Scott Carr</u>

JURY SELECTION/TRIAL

10:06 a.m. On-the-record conference with attorneys regarding motion for change of venue. **ORAL ORDER** conditionally denying motion without prejudice. Jury selection to proceed.

10:20 a.m. Court convened.  
Multiple voir dire begun (Cr Nos. **2:06cr218-MHT USA v Morris**; 1:06cr101-MHT, USA v Okonkwo; 2:06cr173-MHT, USA v Lawson) Jury Selection held.

12:40 p.m. Jury seated and excused until 1:40 p.m.

12:53 p.m. Recess.

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1:40 p.m. Court reconvenes regarding motions in limine and responses to motions in limine. Parties' oral argument heard. Matter taken under advisement.

2:33 p.m. Recess.

2:55 p.m. Court reconvenes. Court's ruling of evidence allowed to be used at trial as stated on the record and granting in part and denying in part [19] and [18] motions in limine. Stipulation of parties' of name change to Johnny Ray Fortune and that Exhibit A contains passports found at People's Bank and Trust as stated on the record.

3:15 p.m. Jury seated. Witnesses (present) sworn; Witness Rule invoked. Jury sworn. Court's preliminary instructions to jury.

3:25 p.m. Government's opening statements (4 mins)

3:29 p.m. Defendant's opening statements (2 mins)

3:31 p.m. Recess

3:42 p.m. Court reconvenes; off the record bench conference w/attorneys.

3:45 p.m. Government's evidence commenced.

4:32 p.m. Recess until 9:00 a.m. 10/31/06.

**10-31-06:**

9:05 a.m. Court reconvened. Government's evidence continues.

9:35 a.m. Recess

9:45 a.m. Government evidence continues.

9:55 a.m. Jury excused; Parties' clarification of question to witness regarding customs issues.

9:58 a.m. Jury Seated; Government's evidence continues.

11:00 a.m. Government rests subject to verifying admitted exhibits. Jury excused. Defendant's **Oral Motion** for Judgment of Acquittal; **Oral Order** denying motion.

11:03 a.m. Recess.

11:25 a.m. Court reconvenes. No evidence from Defendant; Defendant rests; Defendant waives right to testify. Court finds defendant competent to waive right to testify; Court accepts waiver.

11:28 a.m. Charge conference.

11:35 a.m. Trial continued; no objections to charge.

11:36 a.m. Jury seated.

11:38 a.m. Government's closing arguments (10 mins). Defendant's closing arguments (5 mins). Government's rebuttal (10 mins).

12:03 p.m. Jury charged. Jury excused. No objections to charge. Jury seated; alternates excused.

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12:25 p.m.	Jury deliberations commenced.
1:15 p.m	JURY VERDICT of guilty as to Count 1. Jury polled and discharged. Defendant adjudicated guilty; sentencing set for 1/18/07; Defendant remanded.
1:20 p.m.	Court adjourned.

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GOVERNMENT

DEFENDANT

WITNESS LIST

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1. THOMAS F. CORAM, JR. \_\_\_\_\_

2. RALPH CONNER \_\_\_\_\_

3. DAVE MONROE \_\_\_\_\_

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4. HANK BROWN \_\_\_\_\_

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GOVERNMENT'S EXHIBITS  JURY TRIAL COMMENCING 10/30/2006					UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  v  GEORGE HOEY MORRIS a/k/a JOHNNY RAY FORTUNE 2:06cr218-MHT	
						JUDGE MYRON H. THOMPSON MITCHELL REISNER, COURT REPORTER
ADMITTED	DATE OFFERED	DATE IDENTIFIED	NO	WITNESS	OBJ	DESCRIPTION
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	1	Coram, Brown		JRF passport 3/15/01 (203825163)
YES	1030/06	10/30/06	1a	Monroe		(203825163) Certified application w/letter dated 2/24/01
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	2	Conner, Monroe, Brown		JRF passport 8/19/97 (086199598)
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	2a	Monroe		(086199598) Certified application w "burned" dated 8/4/97
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	3	Conner, Monroe, Brown		GHM passport 7/29/96 (085194336)
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	3a	Monroe		(085194336) Certified application
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	4	Conner, Monroe, Brown		GHM passport 1/18/96 (153681490)
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	4a	Monroe		(153681490) Certified application
			5			Certified conviction
			6			Certified conviction
			7			Certified conviction
			8			Certified conviction
			9			"VirginBride.Net"
			10			"Flashback"
			11			Cert. of Name Change
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	12	Coram		Bank Records - People's Bank and Trust (GHM)

			13			Search Warrant - People's Bank and Trust (SDBox)(GHM)
YES	10/30/06	10/30/06	14	Coram		SDBox keys (2)
			A			Passports from People's Bank and Trust
						*Exhibits located in expansion file with case file
						No Exhibits from the Defendant